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On the 20th the hours of daylight will approximately equal those of night for the first time since September and spring will begin in the northern hemisphere. It's a season awaited eagerly through the winter by many, perhaps the loveliest exhibition of nature during the year.

Spring means new life, which is evident all around us; it brings Easter (April 22nd), a symbol of new life, warmer weather, baseball, the approach of holidays and spring fever and taxes. As we witness the resurgence of nature's vital forces around us, many seek to grasp the moral, the hope represented therein.

These inexorable laws of nature continue year after year their inevitable procession, inviting men and women to enjoy the delightful experience, to think about spring's meaning and the fundamental purpose and cycle of life, death, and time.

From the 20th until September, six months hence, our days will be longer than nights. They will also be the warmest of the year, at the end of which we will once again welcome cooler air and brisk days--and be ready again for what nature has in store--in its life cycle.

Letter To The Editor

For some years I have been deeply concerned and interested in the development of Special Education in Appomattox County.

Today special education has been made mandatory in our public schools.

When you are the parent of a child, who must have special education, then you want to see that child is given the same opportunity to progress in life just like your other children.

At the January primary P.T.A. meeting, a very important and informative program was given on the guidelines for special education, and what we have, and is being done at the present time.

It was such a few parents at this meeting I am sure it was disappointment. Some of the parents voiced, that they had no idea just how much is involved in Special Education.

I personally was pleased to see and hear this publized. For just a few years ago I was personally and repeatly told, we do not want special education publized.

We are in the infancy of special education for the education of the handicapped children of Appomattox County.

Parents of children who may need special education must be contacted and explained to and given facts about special education and their given permission for diognastic procedues. This in itself is going to be a difficult task. We must have the full co-operation of all these parents to improve and expand the programs for special education.

STOP! short - changing the education of the handicapped children by following the trend, by placing the children in regular class rooms with their own age level and a couple hours a day with special help. They have been short-changed enough. You are not doing them a favor or helping them socially.

It is been said, we do not want to label our handicapped children by placing them in self-contained classes. I do not look at handicapped children as some one you label. This is already been done by our society. I see handicapped children and accept them for what they are, human beings with individual and special needs, of which they are entitled too and so rightful deserved.

I'm sincerely hopeful that our study committee will suggest given handicapped children priority and the opportunity of self-contained class with special education teachers the full day. Until this is accomplished for some children very little progress can be expected from them.

Speaking from personal experience E.M.R. children as will many others MUST be given this opportunity to progress well and this is especially true for a child that is just a beginner.

Some of you parents, may say, I have no need for this, so why get involved, but, don't over look the fact that someday (I sincerely hope not) you could be in need, if not for your child, then perhaps your grandchildren. That is something to stop and think about.

I am looking forward to the future years of special education in Appomattox County to come up to par.

Let the handicapped children be tax payers not a tax burden.

We must all work together to achieve this goal. Let me hear some comments, I've received compliments as well as criticism before.

Lottie M. Harden
Appomattox, Va.

The Paster Speaks

TRUE HAPPINESS
Psal. 1:1 "Blessed is the man -- whose delight is in the law of the Lord."

The word blessed means happy. Our government in its founding articles guarantees the right to pursue after "happiness" but cannot guarantee happiness itself. Happiness is what all mankind wants to obtain. The desire of it is deeply planted in the human heart. The happiness such as a poor dying creature may hope to obtain is not perfect freedom from sorrow and discomfort. Such happiness is for the angels who have never fallen and not for man. There are some who may appear to be as happy as a grasshopper in company but in private they are miserable and wretched and are almost afraid to be alone. If your happiness daily hangs on the uncertainties of earth it has no root and is no true happiness! The horse and the cow are happy as long as they are warm and filled and why? It is because they are satisfied. Man has more than a body, he has a soul! Food and earthly goods alone cannot satisfy man. Man's highest wants must be met and satisfied before he can be truly happy. A true Christian has sources of happiness entirely independent of this world. A deep inward happiness that cannot be affected by sickness, death, or things temporal. His highest wants can only be satisfied in Christ. Are you really happy today? I suggest you read again that first chapter of the Psalms.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for March 18, 1973

MAN HAS GONE ASTRAY

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-19; Psalm 14:1-3; Jeremiah 10:23; 17:9-10; Romans 1:28- 2:24

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way.
Isaiah 53:6

Having portrayed man as created by God in the divine image, the Scriptures then relate that man very early disobeyed God, thereby alienating himself from his Creator and losing the state of moral innocence in which he had lived prior to his disobedience.

People have questioned why God should have created man with the freedom which permits him to disobey. Apparently it was God's purpose to create a being with the capacity for loving Him and entering into communion with His voluntarily and not from compulsion. Man would not be a responsible being if he did not have freedom to choose his way and make decisions. He could hardly be considered to be made in the divine image if he were not a responsible being. Freedom and responsibility are human endowments which derive from man being created in the image of God.

Because man very early in the history of the race disobeyed God, he put himself into a condition of life which is at the opposite pole from the state of living in harmony with God and the divine will. That condition of life we call sin. The creature who disobeyed the Creator who is perfect in each of His attributes, including righteousness, by the act of disobedience estranged himself from his Creator. Once man disobeyed God and transferred himself from a state of moral innocence into a state of sin, that state of sin has continued as the environment in which the human race has since lived and must continue to live while the race survives.

People also question why God should have forbidden man to do anything. If a being is moral and responsible, there must be some test for his exercise of moral choice and responsibility. Without such a test, man would be neither moral nor responsible, for he would not have a choice and therefore would not be free. Man as created by God had the choice of obeying or disobeying God, and he exercised the moral and responsible freedom in which he was created by disobeying. Once that choice of disobedience had been made, man could not reinstate himself in his former condition of moral perfection, the only acceptable condition for fellowship with God.

There is a dual purpose for including the account of man's "fall", as it is related in Genesis and reiterated by prophets and apostles, in the Scriptures First, it explains why man who was created by God has become alienated from his Creator; secondly, it is to show man why he needs a Redeemer to open the way for his return to fellowship with his Creator, Who also sustains the relationship of Father.

The basis for the concept of the Fatherhood of God is that He is the Author of life. God is as perfect in His attribute of Fatherhood as He is in His other attributes. As the perfect Father, God is unwilling to lose from His household any member of His family, and His perfect Fatherhood finds expression in His perfect love. Yet He has made His children free, and in the headiness of freedom God's children continue to choose ways alien to God's ways and commitments which are contrary to God's will -- to go astray in the choice of his own way. Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son beautifully and vividly illustrates this relationship of God and man. Just as the father in that story allowed his son to take his endowment and leave, so God, having made man free, allows man to make his choices. But God has provided a way for man's return, which He earnestly seeks through man's voluntary exercise in choosing commitment to his Creator and Father.

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4-H MEETING

We started the meeting out with the pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H Flag. We then played a game which was fun. We then sang three songs one was "I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing".

The secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Sweet told us about the County Demonstration Day, March 31.

Mr. Sweet then gave out wildlife feed Patch Contest sheets to the people who wanted he also told us what we could do to help wildlife.

Then he talked about a T.V. Program called Mulligan Stew. He told us that it would be on T.V. at 9:00 beginning March 31.

Mr. Sweet then gave out demonstration sheets to the people who are going to give demonstrations.

Mrs. Johnson gave a demonstration on How to Make Honey Milk Balls to show us how our should be done. After she made them we were able to eat them.

President Cindy Roach then adjourned the meeting.

Reporter, Melissa Scott

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Obituaries

AMBROSE B. HUNTER

[R]ed House - Ambrose B. [Hun]ter, 98, of Red House, died [...]day at his home after a [...] illness.

A retired farmer, he was [bor]n in Charlotte County and [was] the son of John W. and [...]a Baker Hunter. He was [a me]mber of Concord Presbyterian Church in Charlotte [Coun]ty, where he served as an [elde]r for 56 years. His wife [was] the late Mrs. Sarah H. [Hunt]er.

[He] is survived by two sons, [Amb]rose B. Hunter, Jr. of Red [Hou]se and Hamlet D. Hunter [of] Houston, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Lena McLean of [Appo]mattox; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

[F]uneral service was conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at [Conc]ord Presbyterian Church [in] Charlotte County by the [Rev.] James G. Thompson and [...] John Hinchcliff. Burial took [pla]ce in the church cemetery.

[MR]S. AMBROSE B. HUNTER

[R]ed House - Mrs. Sarah [...] Hunter, 82, of Red [House], died Monday at Vir[ginia] Baptist Hospital after a [...] illness. She was the wife [of the] late Ambrose B. Hunter. [Bo]rn in Charlotte County, [she] was the daughter of [...] S. and Lena Ford [...]. She was a member of [Conc]ord Presbyterian Church [in] Charlotte County.

[She] is survived by two sons, [Amb]rose B. Hunter, Jr. of Red [Hou]se and Hamlet D. Hunter [of] Houston, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Lena McLean of Ap[pomat]tox; one sister, Mrs. [...] H. Shreve of Appomat[tox]; seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

[F]uneral service was conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at [Conco]rd Presbyterian Church [in] Charlotte County by the [Rev.] James G. Thompson and John Hinchcliff. Burial took [place] in the church cemetery.

JAMES J. PUGH

[Cha]rlotte C.H. - James Jen[nings] Pugh, 68, of Charlotte [Court] House, died at 8 a.m. [...] at Virginia Baptist [Hospit]al after a long illness.

[A] retired merchant and [...] in Madisonville, he was [born] in Charlotte County and [was] the son of Walter Sydnor [and] Eula Jennings Pugh. He [was a] member of Madisonville [Pres]byterian Church. His wife [is Mrs.] Thelma Lawson Pugh.

[In] addition to his wife, he is [surv]ived by two sons, James J. [...] Jr. of Appomattox and [Willi]am S. Pugh of Lynchburg; [two] sisters, Mrs. Mae P. [...]ford of Covington and [Mrs.] Margaret P. Carwile of [Mad]isonville and five grand[chil]dren.

[G]raveside services were [condu]cted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at [Mad]isonville Presbyterian [Chur]ch Cemetery by the Rev. [Jam]es G. Thompson and the [Rev.] T. P. Reynolds.

[Ro]binson Funeral Home in [Appo]mattox was in charge of [arra]ngements.

[ED]WARD C. GILLASPIE

[Ed]ward Clinton Gillaspie, 73, [of] Route 2, Concord died [...]day morning in Largo, [Flor]ida.

[He] was a member of Hebron [Bap]tist Church.

[His] first wife and the mother [of his] children was Ina Garvey [Gilla]spie, now deceased.

[He] is survived by his widow, [Mrs.] Hazel Tinsley Gillaspie; [a] daughter, Mrs. W. I. [...], Jr. of Largo, Florida; [a s]on, Dallas C. Gillaspie of [Conco]rd; a sister, Mrs. Rena [...] of Big Island; a [broth]er Claude Leonard Gilla[spie] of Salem; and five grand[chil]dren.

[Fu]neral services will be conducted at Duiguid Memorial [Cha]pel in Lynchburg on Satur[day] March 17, 1973 at 11:00 [...] Burial will be in Fort Hill [Memo]rial Park, Lynchburg. [The] family will be at the [funer]al home from 7 to 9 p.m. [Fri]day and at home other [...]

JOHN J. MOORE

Brookneal - Funeral services for John J. Moore, 60, of Weymouth, England, formerly of Brookneal, were conducted Friday at Weymouth. Burial took place in Weymouth.

The husband of Mrs. Mary Moore, he died Tuesday in Weymouth.

Memorial services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Union Hill Baptist Church near Brookneal by the Revs. Omer Burnette, David Critcher, Clinton Brooks and Robert Mills.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of Billy Mahone Moore and Mary C. Moore. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by a son, John J. Moore, Jr., of Weymouth; a daughter, Carolyn Moore of Weymouth; a brother, Hansford Moore of Rustburg, and eight sisters, Mrs. Berkley Carter of Appomattox, Mrs. Katherine Ramsey of Madisonville, Mrs. Lloyd Cyrus and Mrs. C. E. Cyrus, of Concord, and Mrs. Paul Claytor, Mrs. Laura Pugh, Mrs. Adrian Burford and Mrs. Hazel Grishaw of Lynchburg.

JAMES H. TOLLEY

Danville - James Henry Tolley, 83, of Danville, died Friday morning at his home. He was the husband of Mrs. Annie Price Tolley.

Born in Pamplin, he was a son of Ola Farrar Tolley and Callie L. Tolley.

He was a member of Piney Ridge United Methodist Church at Pamplin, Woodmen of the World and Pamplin Ruritan Club. He was a former mayor of Pamplin and a veteran of World War I.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edith Layne of Danville and Mrs. Peggy Johnson of Richmond; five brothers, Robert Tolley, Willie Tolley, Clarence Tolley and Johnny Tolley of Pamplin and George Tolley of Roanoke; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Williams of Lynchburg and Mrs. Ethel Price of Pamplin, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Piney Ridge United Methodist Church by the Rev. Tommie Reynolds. Burial took place in Olive Branch United Methodist Church Cemetery, Appomattox.

PETER A. MATTHEWS

Farmville - Peter A. Matthews, 82, of Rt. 2, Farmville, died Friday in Southside Community Hospital. His wife is Mrs. Elizabeth Zieler Matthews.

Born in Buckingham County, he was a son of John A. Matthews and Ada Reynolds Matthews. He was a retired farmer.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two sons, Gordon Matthews and John A. Matthews of Farmville, and two sisters, Jessie Matthews and Virginia Matthews of Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 12th at Cumberland Presbyterian Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Shorter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUSSELL HUBBARD

Russell Hubbard, 72, of Appomattox, died Saturday at his home. He was the husband of Mattie Hubbard.

He was a son of Robert Hubbard and Emma Hubbard.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Stevens of Appomattox and Mrs. Anita Harris of Connecticut; two sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Madison and Mrs. Clara Wilson of New York, and a half brother, John Wilson of New York.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Galilee Baptist Church, Appomattox, by the Rev. R. Q. Lawing. Burial took place in Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Red House.

West Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

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